

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 21-37 and 39 are pending in the application, with claims 21, 31, and 35 being the independent claims. Claims 31 and 35 are sought to be amended. Claim 38 is sought to be cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute similar or broader claims, with respect to the cancelled and/or amended claims, in the future. These changes should be entered after final as they raise no new issues and pose no new search requirement by the Examiner, and the changes place the application in condition for allowance. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

The claims presented in this Application should be interpreted solely based on the file history of this Application, not the file history of any predecessor or related application. With respect to this Application, Applicants hereby rescind any and all disclaimers of claim scope made in any parent application(s), any predecessor application(s), and any related application(s). The Examiner is advised that any previous disclaimer of claim scope, if any, and any references that allegedly caused any previous disclaimer of claim scope, may need to be revisited. Nor should any previous disclaimer of claim scope, if any, in this Application be read back into any predecessor or related application. It is understood that throughout examination, the claims presented in this Application are to be given their broadest reasonable meaning in view of the specification. Any paraphrasing of claim features in remarks during prosecution is not to be interpreted as reading any features into, or characterizing, any claim.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 31-34, 36, 37, and 39

Claims 31-34, 36, 37, and 39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by United States Patent No. 7,149,474 to Mikhak ("Mikhak"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and provide the following arguments to support patentability.

The Office Action indicates dependent "claims 35 and 38 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." (Office Action, p. 5.) Accordingly, Applicants have amended independent claim 31 to substantially incorporate most of the features from dependent claim 38. For example, Applicants have amended independent claim 31 to recite at least the feature of "*decompressing and depacketizing the packet payload then translating the packet payload from the second communications protocol to the fourth communications protocol when the packet payload is the voice packet that is to be formatted according to the fourth communications protocol*" that was previously recited in dependent claim 38. Therefore, Applicants believe independent claim 31 is in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 32-34, 36, 37, and 39 are likewise in condition for allowance for the same reasons as independent claim 31 from which they depend and further in view of their own respective features. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the

rejection of claims 31-34, 36, 37, and 39 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 35 and 38

Claims 35 and 38 stand objected to as allegedly being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten claim 35 in independent form to substantially incorporate most of the features from independent claim 31. Therefore, Applicants believe independent claim 35 is in condition for allowance. Without acquiescing to the merits of this allegation, Applicants have cancelled dependent claim 38 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Applicants contend that the canceling of claim 38 does not give rise to any implication regarding whether Applicants agree with or acquiesce to this objection

Allowed Claims

Claims 21-30

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 21-30 in the Office Action. (Office Action, p. 4.)

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Applicants note the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance presented on pages 4 and 5 of the Office Action. Applicants reserve the right to demonstrate claims 21-30 are allowable over the art made of record for further reasons related to any

of their recited features. Applicants further contend that reservation of this right does not give rise to any implication regarding whether the Applicants agree with or acquiesce in the reasoning provided by the Examiner.

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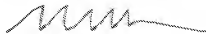
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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